

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 208

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert N. "Bobby" Moore, Jr., of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Robert N. "Bobby" Moore, Jr., of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Moore was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Franklin on April 10, 1934, Mr. Moore graduated from Battle Ground Academy in 1952 and went on to earn his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University in 1956; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating, Bobby Moore served for two years with the United States Army, the majority of which time he spent working at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, after being discharged from the Army, Mr. Moore served as administrative assistant to Tennessee Fifth District U.S. Congressman Joe L. Evins, who encouraged Mr. Moore's zeal for politics, a trait he inherited from his father, who was a member of the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Moore became a congressional candidate and ran against Captain William Anderson, who famously took the Nautilus submarine under the North Pole; though Bobby Moore won Franklin, Captain Anderson ultimately won the race; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1970s, Mr. Moore returned to Franklin and started the Robert N. Moore Company, a real estate development firm, and began investing in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, while his real estate business experienced dramatic success as Franklin grew, Bobby Moore remained humble, kind, and gracious to everyone he encountered; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Mr. Moore once again threw his hat into the political ring, running for the congressional seat vacated by Al Gore when Mr. Gore pursued his father's senatorial seat; though Mr. Moore ran an admirable race, he lost to Bart Gordon in the primary; and

WHEREAS, a man of many passions, Bobby Moore was particularly fond of photography; he enjoyed taking photographs during his many travels, and his work was often displayed in juried exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was also passionate about supporting education; for more than twenty-five years, he served on the Battle Ground Academy Board of Trust, and he was inducted into the school's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2008. He was also a longtime member of the Moore Elementary School Advisory Council and the board of directors of O'More College of Design; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Moore was an avid supporter of Vanderbilt athletics, attending sporting events frequently and hosting elaborate tailgate parties prior to each football game, gatherings that included a sit-down, multi-course meal; and

WHEREAS, active in his community in various capacities, Bobby Moore was a member of the Franklin Noon Rotary, a graduate and board member of Leadership Franklin, and a Sunday School teacher for sixth graders, a post he held for nearly thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Moore leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was a beloved mentor to many and a pillar of the Franklin community; he is irreplaceable and will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert N. "Bobby" Moore, Jr., reflecting fondly

upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Moore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.